

# **Assaults and Attempts**

## **2019**

### **Assault on Ahmadis in District Larkana, Sindh**

*Massan Badda, District Larkana; October 2019:* Anti-Ahmadiyya elements launched a hate campaign through social media.

Five/six opponents attacked an Ahmadi, Mr. Yunus Ahmad S/O Mr. Anwar Ali with rods on October 11, 2019 in Goth Massan. When Ahmadis went to the police station for registration of an FIR, the opponents also arrived, put pressure on the police and succeeded in registration of a false complaint against Ahmadis.

The next day two Ahmadi brothers, Mr. Imran Ali and Akbar Ali sons of Mr. Anwar Ali were also attacked by 10 goons. As a result Mr. Imran Ali was injured in the head and six stitches were applied to it. The police refused to register an FIR. Instead they detained some miscreants and released them when their palm was greased.

Another Ahmadi narrowly escaped an attack on October 16, 2019. Opponents tore down a Khatme Nabuwwat pamphlet themselves and tried to have an FIR registered against Ahmadis. When the SHO refused to register, they approached the Superintendent of Police. As a result three Ahmadis were detained in the police station by the DSP. What does an Ahmadi do in these circumstances?

Anti-Ahmadiyya violence and activism is aimed at closing down the local Ahmadiyya worship place.

### **Attack on Ahmadi in his clinic**

*Tauleki; Gujranwala, September 4, 2019:* Mr. Javed Ahmad an Ahmadi practices medicine in this village. He often received threats for being Ahmadi. Some youths came to his clinic and attacked him. He reported the attack to the local police station, and the police made truce between the parties.

### **Ahmadi detained and house attacked with authorities' collaboration**

*Mahni Sial Chak Hans, District Khanewal; August 21, 2019:* Mr. Irshad Ali and his brother are the only Ahmadi residents in this village. Mr. Ali fixed a steel plate with Islamic creed (*Kalima*) on his home's exterior. Over this some locals opposed him and the village chief sent for him and told him to remove the plate. He refused, saying that he would not take it off nor allow anyone do so, except if an official undertakes this enormity. The opponents filed an application with SDPO Kabir Wala against Mr. Ali.

On August 21, two policemen came to Mr. Ali's house and took him to the SHO Kabir Wala police station. Ali restated his stand in the police station that nobody except officials would

be allowed to take that plate down. There was a heated argument at the police station, so the inspector arrested him along with his friends. The same night approximately twenty persons attacked his house. As only women and children were in the house, they told them to go away as there were no men in the house to talk to them. Then one of the attackers jumped over the wall, entered the house and opened the gate from inside. A number of miscreants entered the house and removed the *Kalima* plate. They also beat up the family and left some of them injured. Many phone calls were made to 15 by the victims but no one arrived for help. Later the wounded were taken to Kabir Wala Tehsil Hospital for medico-legal but the on-duty policeman refused the same on a false excuse, and asked them to visit the next day. The victims went to the police station but nobody attended to their complaint.

The next day on August 22, Mr. Ali and his fellows were released. It came to light that the DPO Khanewal was behind this incident. The police refused to register an FIR. The RPO Multan was out of the country in those days. On his return Ahmadis met him and he ordered registration of an FIR against the raiders.

### **Sectarian tension in District Khushab – cause for great concern**

*District Khushab, Punjab; March 2019:* Members of the Ahmadiyya community are facing excessive hostility in District Khushab in general, and Quaidabad in particular for a long time.

Miscreants, led by mulla Athar Hussain, continue to severely harass Ahmadi individuals as well as the community. They enjoy support of the local MNA, MPA and councilors. Ahmadis' houses and shops were burnt here in 1974 by anti-Ahmadiyya elements. This hostility is increasing day by day. Ahmadis have received threat letters in the past, which often resulted in attacks on their persons.

One, Muhammad Bashir Ahmad Shaheen from the group of mulla Athar Hussain attacked Mr. Nawab Ali Shah an Ahmadi at his dispensary. Shaheen called Mr. Shah a *Khariji* and punched him on face hurting him severely. As a result his lips swelled. His colleagues rescued him from Shaheen. This happened on December 12, 2018.

Mulla Athar Hussain compiled a list of all the Ahmadi men with their workplace addresses, and circulated it urging the locals to socially boycott them. He requested mullas to mention them by name in their sermons and speeches for follow-up action. Ahmadis were declared *Wajib ul qatl* (must be killed) through *fatwas* (edicts) of extremist ulama.

These activists have contacted proprietors of houses and shops rented by Ahmadis and urged them to get these vacated. School-owners have been asked to expel Ahmadi children. Stickers have been put up in restaurants and business centres to not admit Ahmadis. Ahmadis face problems at times in buying essential items like vegetables, fruit and miscellaneous items of daily needs. They feel their lives are at risk.

It should be pointed out that mulla Athar Shah resided at Takht Hazara in District Sargodha prior to settling in Quaidabad. There he precipitated a riot in which five Ahmadis were killed and numerous injured. The mulla and his colleagues were booked by the police and punished mildly by a court on findings of guilty.

This mulla's hostile activities succeeded in depriving Ahmadis of their mosque in village Chak 2/TDA, District Khushab.

This mulla, in league with his acolytes Shamsul Arifeen, Tahir ur Rehman, Zain ul Abideen, Allah Bux etc is busy in their anti-Ahmadiyya provocative and harmful activities. This could lead to violent agitation with frightful consequences. Apparently no action has been taken by the administration to deter him from such activities; hence the hype.